

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

OCTOBER 3, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on September 29, 2011, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Bob Roberts, Daniel Hepner, Richard Gabler, Jr., Steven Skok, and Manager David Greene. Dennis Nero and Richard Dornisch were excused.

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: E. J. Friedl, Tina Gradizzi, Matt Pfeufer, Warren Stewart, Ken Young, Eric Groll, Matt Herbstritt, Tim Ruffner, Ben Herbstritt, and Ned Jacob.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
September 19, 2011

Bob Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2011, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION****Consider for Adoption:**

Ordinance No. 266, re: Maximum speed limits established on certain streets.

Ordinance No. 266 was presented to amend Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 201, of the St. Marys City Code pertaining to maximum speed limits established on certain streets.

Council of the City of St. Marys desires to provide for the safety of its residents.

Council of the City of St. Marys desires to reduce the posted speed limit on South Saint Marys Street in both the northbound and southbound lanes, from the existing 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour along that length of South Saint Marys Street from Railroad Street, south to a point 416 ft. south of Vine Street.

The current speed limit signage posted on South Saint Marys Street (S.R. 120 & S.R. 255) from Railroad Street to the Fox Township line is not accurately described in the City Code.

City Council of the City of St. Marys wishes to correct these inaccuracies in the City Code to coincide with PA-DOT requirements.

**Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 201, shall be amended as follows:**

**Remove:** St. Marys, South (LR 99 Spur) - Sta. 570 – 35 m.p.h.

St. Marys, South (LR 99 Spur) – Sta. 570 to Fox Twp. – 40 m.p.h.

**Add:** St. Marys, South (Southbound Lanes)

1. RR tracks (SR 120, seg. 0241, off. 0725) to 416' south of Vine Street (SR 255, seg. 301, off. 0587) – 25 m.p.h.

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2. 416' south of Vine Street (SR 255, seg. 301, off. 0587) to 267' south of the high school entrance (SR 255, seg. 281, off. 0670) – 35 m.p.h.
3. 267' south of the high school entrance (SR 255, seg. 281, off. 0670) to Fox Township line (SR 255, seg. 271, off. 1105) – 40 m.p.h.

St. Marys, South (Northbound Lanes)

1. Railroad Street (SR 120, seg. 720, off. 0700) to 416' south of Vine Street (SR 255, seg. 300, off. 0484) – 25 m.p.h.
2. 416' south of Vine Street (SR 255, seg. 300, off. 0484) to 485' south of high school entrance (SR 255, seg. 0280, off. 458) – 35 m.p.h.
3. 485' south of high school entrance (SR 255, seg. 280, off. 0158) to Fox Township line (SR 255, seg. 270, off. 1294) – 40 m.p.h.

Motion Passed

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 266, seconded by Steven Skok and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 267, re: Pertaining to permitted parking, special purpose parking, metered and unmetered parking lots, fines and penalties.

Ordinance No. 267 was presented to amend various portions of Chapter 15, Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the St. Marys City Code, pertaining to permitted parking, special purpose parking, metered and unmetered parking lots, fines and penalties.

S 403-B, Parking Prohibited in Certain Locations, Certain Days and Hours shall be deleted and amended by adding the following: No parking shall be permitted in any parking lot from 2 AM to 6 AM on any day. 24 hour permit parking only shall be permitted in the Depot Street Parking Garage on any day.

S 404, Special Purpose Parking Zones Established; Parking Otherwise Prohibited shall be deleted with only the following remaining: Municipal Fire Station – Emergency Vehicles – Between Front of Station and Road. A new addition to Section 404 shall read as follows: Designated Parking Area in front of City Hall - Municipal Vehicles Only Permitted – All Times.

S 405, Angle Parking Required on Portions of Certain Streets shall be amended by adding the following: Depot Street, South Side, Between South Michael Street and a point set at 208 ft. bearing in an easterly direction along Depot Street.

S 407, Parking Ticket The last sentence relating to ticket amounts shall be deleted and replaced with the following: For a meter violation the fine shall be set at \$5. All other parking violations including those listed in Section 406, shall be set at \$10. \$10 fines shall include parking violations from 2 AM to 6 AM on any street or

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public parking lot, or any other related violation not heretofore mentioned.

S 408, Penalties This section refers to bus stops and loading zones. Section 408 shall be eliminated.

S 510, Part 2, Ticketing of Vehicles Parked Unlawfully; Effect of Payment Within 48 Hours shall be amended so that \$2 shall be replaced with \$5, and so that \$5 shall be replaced with \$10. The following sentence shall be added to Section 510, Part 2: All unlawfully parked vehicles that are not meter violations are subject to a \$10 fine.

S 511, Part 1, Penalty for Violation shall be amended so that \$15 shall be replaced with \$20.

S 601, Metered Parking Lots Established shall be amended as follows: Delete the North St. Marys Street parking lot adjacent to the Allegheny Railroad from the first part of this section.

(Amend Part (A) Special Permits, to read as follows)

A. Special Permits – Parking Lots

Brusselles Street Parking Lot: signed area – permits and 12 hour meters.

Depot Street Parking Garage: permit parking only.

Market Street Parking Lot: none.

North St. Marys Street Parking Lot: permit parking only.

(Add an additional part entitled Part (B), to read as follows)

B. Special Permits – On Street Parking

Angle parking located around the Diamond.

S 613, Part 1, Penalty for Violation shall be amended so that \$15 is replaced with \$20.

S 701, Unmetered Parking Lots Established The current text of Section 701 shall be deleted. Section 701 shall read as follows: The Depot Street Parking Garage is regulated by permit parking and machine. The machine monetary rates may be set by City Council at will. The following are established as the unmetered parking lots operated by the City of Saint Marys:

Lot	Location	Max. Parking Time	Days in Operation	Hours in Operation
Parking Garage	Depot Street	24 hours	Daily	24 hour
N. St. Marys St. Parking Lot	N. St. Marys Street	12 hours	Daily	6:00 am – 6:00 pm

Free Parking is allowed in the North St. Marys Street parking lot from 6 PM to 2 AM daily.

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S 707, Part 1, Penalty for Violation shall be amended so that \$2 is replaced with \$5, and so that \$5 is replaced with \$10. The following sentence shall be added to Section 707, Part 1: All unlawfully parked vehicles that are not meter violations are subject to a \$10 fine.

S 707, Part 2, Penalty for Violation shall be amended so that \$15 is replaced with \$20.

## Motion

Daniel Hepner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 267, seconded by Steven Skok.

## Discussion

Richard Gabler, Jr. questioned Section 510 Part 2 – regarding tickets for unmetered streets and Bob Roberts explained that those parked in a non-parking area on an unmetered street would be ticketed.

Mayor Geyer stated she believed the increases in the fines were too much.

Bob Roberts commented the parking consumer should offset the cost for parking, not the property owners/taxpayers.

Richard Gabler, Jr. commented those ticketed would be someone who did not properly feed the meter, which is still a minimal cost.

Bob Roberts commented the \$2.00 ticket has been in effect for the last 35 years.

Steven Skok commented consideration has to be given to the cost incurred to have someone write the ticket. He also commented he had a phone call regarding the changes to the N. St. Marys Street parking lot and tried to provide a correct explanation of it being permit parking only from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and would be free parking from 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

## Motion Passed

Bob Roberts stated the individuals who do not want to park in the parking garage will pay an extra \$5.00 for the premium parking.

All were in favor to approve Ordinance No. 267.

**Consider for publication:**

Ordinance No. 268, re: Amending the Zoning Ordinance for Floodplain Management

Ordinance No. 268 was presented amending the City of Saint Marys Official Zoning Ordinance of 2005, City Code, Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 1, Section 112 Definitions; Part 2, Section 230 Floodplain Overlay Zone; and Part 7, Section 700 Administration to bring the same into compliance with mandatory regulations.

Matthew Pfeufer, Zoning Officer, explained that due to certain mandatory regulations that have been imposed upon municipalities regarding their floodplain ordinance Council of the City of St. Marys desires to have its zoning ordinance come into compliance with the regulations so its residents will continue to qualify for Flood Insurance.

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Steven Skok questioned how much time was spent on preparing this information and Mr. Pfeufer responded he had difficulty with both FEMA and DCED so the revisions did take an unusual amount of time. The most change needed that started the need for revisions was the effective date of the floodplain map. The rest of the changes were mostly definitions and minor wording changes.

Bob Roberts stated the reason for the changes was so the residents could obtain flood insurance and Mr. Pfeufer responded he was correct.

Motion Passed

Daniel Hepner made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 268, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

**Award of Bids, re: Sale of Used Cars**

Manager Greene stated at a public meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 bids were opened for the Sale of Used Cars. The bids were duly advertised on September 12 and September 16, 2011. He recommended the following to be awarded:

Car #1 Chicago Motors - \$807.00

Car #2 Eric Groll- \$915.00

Car #3 Ted Garner- \$1,257.00

Bob Roberts made a motion to award Car #1 to Chicago Motors for the amount of \$807.00, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to award Car #2 to Eric Groll for the amount of \$915.00, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Bob Roberts made a motion to award Car #3 to Ted Garner for the amount of \$1,257.00, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

**2010 CDBG Modifications**

Tina Gradizzi, Community and Development Coordinator, presented the following information regarding 2010 CDBG Modifications:

The Redevelopment Authority was awarded \$101,274 from the City's 2010 CDBG entitlement to address projects in the slum/blight designated area as well as spot blight projects. One of the projects that had been discussed was the demolition of the former Mullaney Shoe store building also known as the Demitri Building located at 43 North St Marys Street.

The City has approximately \$20,000 in escrow funds to use towards the project and the RDA agreed to commit \$30,000 towards the project and was told that additional funds may be needed depending on the bids. The City's engineer is anticipating the demolition costs to be higher than \$50,000 therefore, in order to move forward with the project and allow council to award bids that will be received and opened on October 12<sup>th</sup> she was requesting a modification of the 2010 CDBG budget to cover

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\$80,000 in demolition and clearance costs for this project.

After the project is completed and all demolition and clearance costs have been paid any remaining funds will be allocated back to the RDA's list of projects.

Steven Skok stated the \$101,274 was not changing and the modifications were changing the dollar amount within the total amount and Ms. Gradizzi confirmed.

Mayor Geyer questioned if the funds would only be for the demolition of the Mullaney building and Ms. Gradizzi responded yes.

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to approve the 2010 CDBG Modifications per Ms. Gradizzi's request of increasing the demolition amount to \$80,000.00, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Geyer stated she wanted to set the budget meetings as soon as possible.

Bob Roberts stated there were numerous personnel matters to be discussed before budget meetings could be planned and requested an Executive Session be held before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Geyer announced an Executive Session would be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regarding personnel matters.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Elizabeth Friedl, resident, questioned the enforcement of illegal political signs, stated her continued dissatisfaction with the local cable company and encouraged everyone to vote at the upcoming election.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Roberts commented the St. Marys Rotary Club would be holding their annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the S. St. Marys Street Elementary School Gymnasium.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

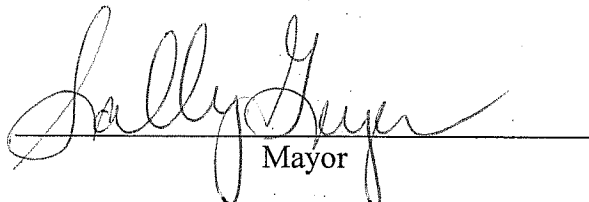
Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.
- A Pet Blessing would be held at the Annex building on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Mayor